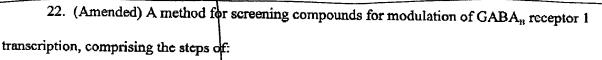
Please amend the application as follows:

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IN THE CLAIMS:

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Replace claims 22-27 with the following revised claims



- (a) transfecting a host cell with a suitable expression system comprising a nucleic acid molecule constituting a human GABA, receptor 1 promoter P1a and/or a human GABA, receptor 1 promoter P1b, or functionally equivalent modified forms thereof, or active fragments thereof, wherein the promoter or modified form thereof or active fragment thereof is coupled to a reporter gene;
  - (b) contacting a test compound with the cell; and
- (c) determining whether the test compound modulates the level of expression of the reporter gene.
- 23. (Amended) The method according to claim 22, wherein the nucleic acid molecule of the expression system is selected from the group consisting of:
  - (a) a nucleic acid molecule comprising SEQ ID No: 1;
- (b) a nucleic acid molecule comprising a nucleotide sequence capable of hybridizing, under stringent conditions to a nucleo ide sequence complementary to SEQ ID NO: 1;
  - (c) a nucleic acid molecule comprising SEQ ID No: 2; and



- (d) a nucleic acid molecule comprising a nucleotide sequence capable of hybridizing, under stringent conditions to a nucleotide sequence complementary to SEQ ID NO: 2.
- 24. (Amended) The method according to claim 22, wherein the reporter gene is selected from the group consisting of
  - (a) the firefly luciferase gene;
  - (b) the bacterial chloramphenicol acetyl transferase (CAT) gene;
  - (c) the B-galactosidase (B-Gal) gene; and
  - (d) the green fluorescent protein (GFP) gene.
- 25. (Amended) The method according to claim 22, wherein the host cell endogenously expresses at least one GABA<sub>B</sub> recentor 1.
- 26. (Amended) The method according to claim 22, wherein the host cell is further transfected with a suitable expression system comprising a nucleic acid molecule encoding at least one transcription factor.
- 27. (Amended) The method according to claim 26, wherein the transcription factor is selected from the group consisting of: CREB-1, CREB-2, CREM-1, ATF-1, ATF-2, ATF-3, ATF-4, Sp1, Sp2, Sp3, Sp4, AP-1 and AP-2.